



Defendants”), as well as any insurance carrier, be excused from participating.  
Doc. 20 at 1.

In its discretion, the Court declines to excuse the Individual Defendants and any insurance carrier from participating in the upcoming settlement conference.

This ruling, however, does not prohibit any party or person who is required to attend from being excused upon the consent of all other required participants and the mediator, pursuant to the Rules for Mediated Settlement Conferences. See Rule 4(a)(4).<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, the Motion (Doc. 20) is **DENIED**.

It is so ordered.

Signed: September 3, 2024



W. Carleton Metcalf  
United States Magistrate Judge



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<sup>1</sup> See [Rules for Mediated Settlement Conferences and Other Settlement Procedures in Superior Court Civil Actions - Codified 18 June 2024.pdf \(nccourts.gov\)](#).